# COWBOY BEBOP

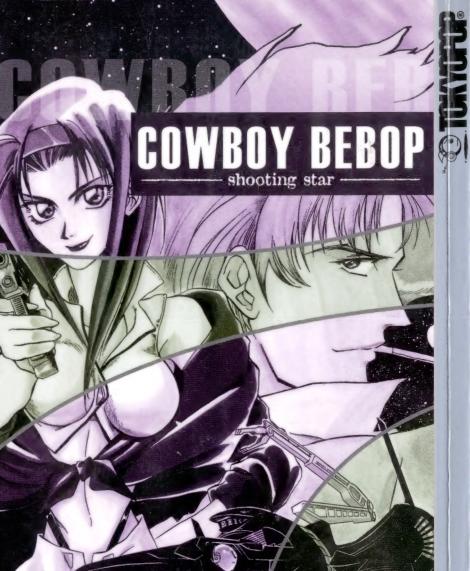
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The Bebop clan runs into a modern day Robin Hood who has designs on thwarting the taxation practices of a corrupt government. The crew wiggles out of that debacle right into the crossfire of a Dragon Head Syndicate rivalry in which their old friend the Scorpion re-surfaces for a little blackmail and kidnapping. However, Scorpion may be more than he or the Bebop crew knows. And who he is may make him a target for the Dragon Head syndicate. Back in the doldrums of bounty hunting, Ed's attempt to retro-fit a nearby police satellite ends in disaster.











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## Introduction

Even before Cowboy Bebop became a phenomenon, editors at Japan's renowned book publisher Kadokawa set out...

...to create an original manga for the story. The editors there chose Cain Kuga to write it.

This story will be an intriguing variation for those of you who have come to know Cowboy Bebop through the hit TV show, the blockbuster feature film or the manga trilogy that followed thereafter. Manga artist Cain Kuga's version of the Bebop universe contained within the pages of the book you now hold in your hands offers an alternative version of the origin of the famous ship and its bounty hunting crew. With a dynamic, angular art style and bold yet effective deviations from the original storyline, Kuga breathes new life into Spike, Jet, Faye, Ed and Ein.

# The Man Who Would Be King

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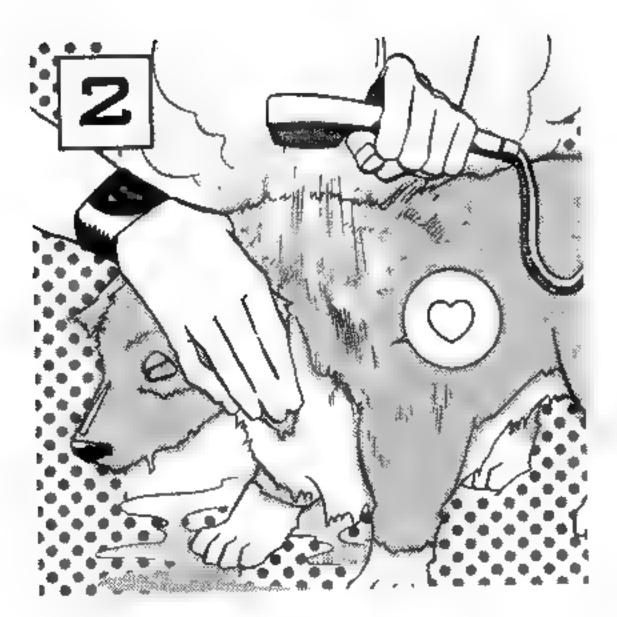


































































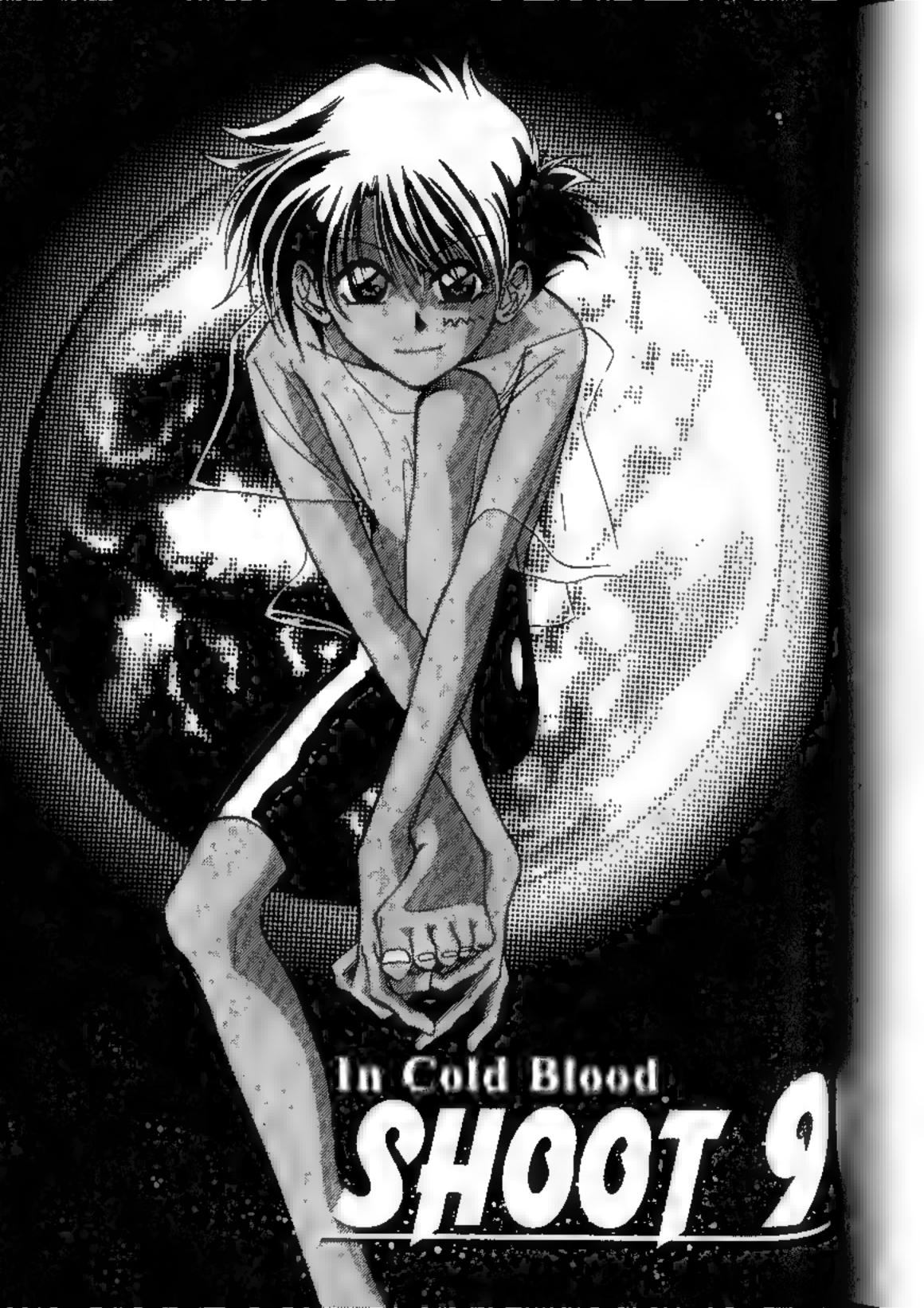












































Bye Bye, Bebop.



So Long Space Cowboys...









































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COMPLETE
THIS
COMIC.

True Stories... BEFORE WE END THIS SERIES, I BRING TO YOU...







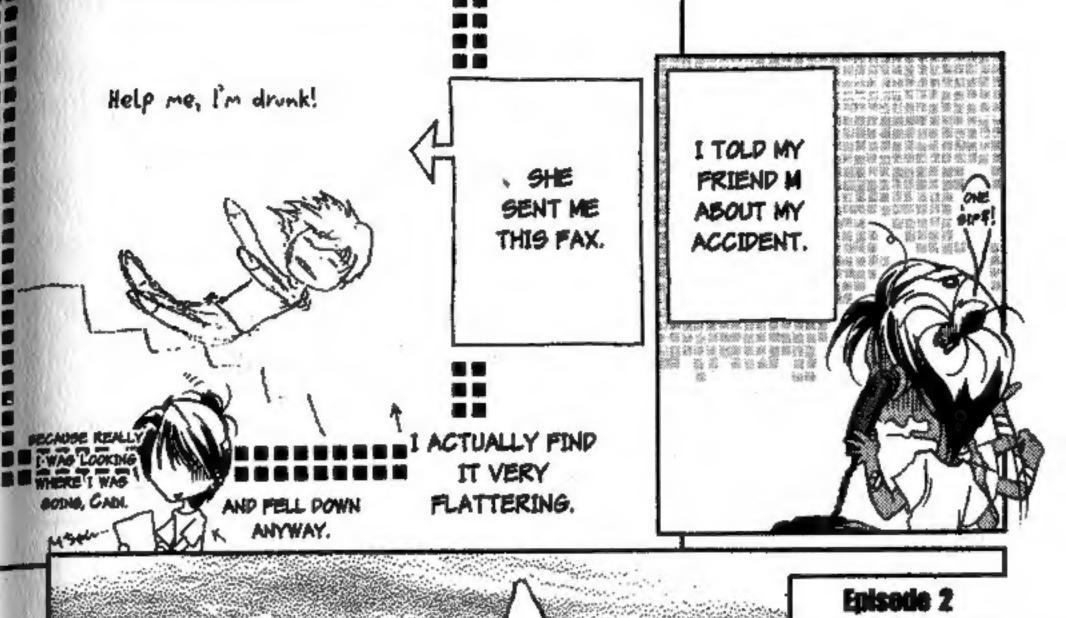


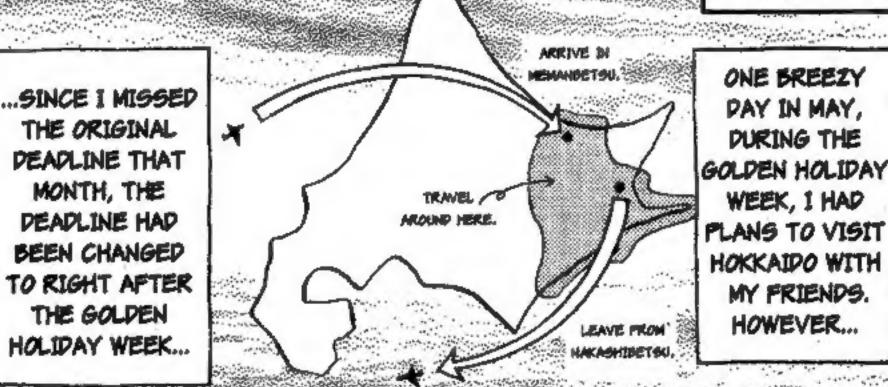




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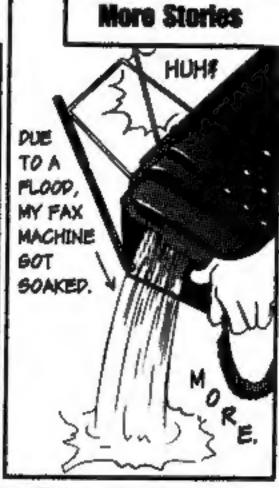






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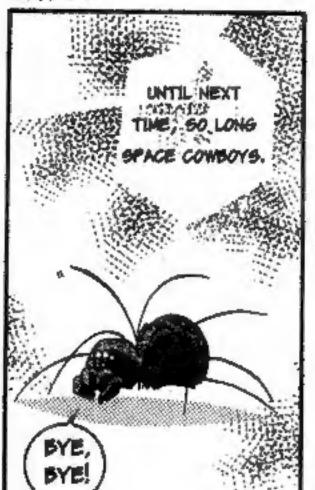


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THANK
YOU SOOOOO
MUCH!!

ONE SIP!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

ー お買い上げありがとうござい② S MAKING OF BE-BOP / END - 日本なるとなる。 \*







The cowbook came from walks of life dissimilar and the Mopping of the jobs the cops botch, twing to make a living it the road that those alone can travel, stones without a filler. Rolling from a battered life and lowerd a great unknown.

These souls have found themselves to gather, adrift on the filler of a new world, on a Bebop vessel mestled comfortably.

Into a new way of being, a bounty number model of living free, a kind of family, shaped less by blood than necessity.